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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Hassayampa Field Office has received a Draft Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations from Kirkland Mining Company (Kirkland) in order to develop a high quality pozzolan mine on approximately 76 acres of public lands and construct support facilities on four acres of private land owned by Kirkland within an approximately 160 acre project area. The project area is located north of Kirkland, in Yavapai County, Arizona (see Map). The BLM has determined that the high quality pozzolan present at the site is an “uncommon variety” and as such is regulated under the General Mining Act of 1872.

Kirkland has described the proposed mine operation as the following:

- Front end loaders would be used to load the high quality pozzolan onto trucks;
- The high quality pozzolan would be crushed and screened on-site (primary processing);
- In approximately five years, production is anticipated to be approximately 500,000 tons of high quality pozzolan per year;
- Depending on market demands during the first five years, there could be between 30 to 85 truck trips per day; and
- Overburden set aside during mining operations would be used for reclamation, which will include regrading and revegetation of disturbed areas.

Blasting is not included in the Plan. There would be no on-site secondary processing; all materials would be taken off-site by haul trucks to various locations north or south of the mine site on Iron Springs Road for further processing. No use of chemicals in crushing and screening (primary processing) is being proposed.

On adjacent private land owned by Kirkland, there would be additional support facilities including:

- A designated parking area to accommodate mine and support staff vehicles, idle mine equipment, and trucks awaiting loads;
- Modular office and lunch buildings on either concrete foundations or blocks approximately, but not limited to, 25 feet by 60 feet;
- Portable toilets (one during initial production phase and up to several at full production);
- Storage buildings of variable sizes (approximately 24 feet by 24 feet and up to 40 feet by 80 feet), one of which would be used to service equipment as needed and would include a minimum 40-foot by 40-foot concrete pad;

- A water storage tank (maximum 12,000 gallons);
- A waste oil storage container (maximum 2,500 gallons); and
- Miscellaneous equipment and materials including portable waste receptacles, and other facilities.

More detail on the proposed mine operations is included in the Draft Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations available on-line at: <http://bit.ly/2rRYTII>.

In order for the BLM to process the Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations, the BLM will need to complete an environmental assessment (EA). The EA will include two opportunities for public participation. We are providing you notification of the first opportunity for this public scoping. Public participation is a requirement of both the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act.

The upcoming EA will consider public comments received during this scoping period. The EA will analyze the direct, indirect and cumulative effects from the mine. The BLM will provide a second 30-day public review opportunity and open house when the “draft” EA has been prepared, anticipated in early 2018.

At this early stage, the BLM has scheduled the following open house:

July 11, 2017 from 6 – 8 pm
 Skull Valley Community Center
 3150 Old Skull Valley Road
 Skull Valley, Arizona 86338

During this open house-style meeting, staff from the BLM, Kirkland, and Westland Consultants will be available, along with maps of the proposed facilities for review. The BLM will “kick-off” the open house with a presentation at 6:15 pm. This will not be a town hall format.

If you plan on attending the open house, we encourage you to review the information on-line and identify for us relevant issues and the means to mitigate (or minimize) their potential effects.

The Draft Mining and Reclamation Plan of Operations and other information is available at the following website: <http://bit.ly/2rRYTII>

Comments on the proposed project can be submitted the following ways:


- Electronically by emailing them to: KIRKMPO@blm.gov
- You may mail your comments to: BLM Hassayampa Field Office, ATTN: Shelby Cave 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.
- You may fax your comments to: attention Shelby Cave at: 623-580-5580.

This 30-day public scoping period is from June 26 until July 25, 2017.

Privacy notice: Before including your address, phone number, email address, or any other personal identifying information in your comments, be advised that your entire comment(s), including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request that the BLM withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so. If you wish to withhold your personal information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment(s). We will make all submissions from organizations and businesses available for public disclosure in their entirety.

If you have questions, please contact Shelby Cave at 623-580-5639 or KIRKMPO@blm.gov.

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